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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

BRUCE G. KANIA

SERIAL NO: 09/131,915

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FOR: GEL AND CUSHIONING DEVICES

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: EXAMINER: PREBILIC, P.

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 14, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the present title and insert therefor

OPEN-ENDED POLYMERIC ANNULAR SLEEVE

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel Claims 22-39, 44, 46, 52 and 53. Please add new Claims 56-65 as follows.

~~56.~~ (New) An open-ended annular sleeve configured to receive a limb of a wearer and comprising an inside, an outside, a first open end, a second open end, and an intermediate portion provided between said first opened end and said second open end, said annular sleeve comprising a foamed or non-foamed gel composition comprising a block copolymer and

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